



TOWN OF NATICK

Meeting Agenda

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Safety Committee

Natick Police Department

Date: March 27, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m.

January 30, 2017 Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

Resident Request to change address. Currently 0 Cedar Avenue very confusing for mail and package delivery is open to suggestions for new address TABLE pending Lt. Lauzon discussing options with petitioner.

Resident request to address safety issues at intersection of Bacon Street and Marion Street.

Committee VOTED to try unofficial test prior to making a permanent recommendation. Will put barrels to cut down on flare out of road making it as close to a true T intersection as possible in order to improve site lines and better control the stopping of vehicles. TABLE pending results of test.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to add street lights to existing poles on Fox Hill Drive (Attachment 1)

Request to prohibit parking on Alden Street (Attachment 2)

Request to post "Slow Down Hidden Driveway" sign east of Commonwealth Road in an effort to slow motorists down on Route 30 on the Natick/Weston line. (Attachment 3)

Resident request to address speeding in Centre Street neighborhood. (Attachment 4)

Request for a Proposed Address Change for Boston Sports Club at 1284R Worcester Street
(Attachment 5)

Resident request for address change from 10 Border Road to 19 Winslow Road (Attachment 6)

Jeremy Marsette, Director Natick DPW to present recent traffic operations report for the intersection of Eliot Street at Pleasant Street and Union Streets.

Residents request for Speed Limit signs on Pleasant Street South between Dover Road and Route 16 in both directions.

Residents request to evaluate traffic safety exiting Morgan Drive when turning left towards Sherborn

Resident request to address safety issues on Morse Lane

Next Meeting April 24, 2018



Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Pole Street Lights

2 messages

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 6:51 PM

To: watkins@natickpolice.com

Dear Ms. Watkins,

Mr. Hladick recommended that I forward my request to you.

We are currently living at **37 Fox Hill Dr, Natick.**

Like many of us in the neighborhood, we are walking our dogs around the circle.

From October to March/April, due to shorter days, that means walking at night.

The north of the circle is mostly woods and swamps (circled in YELLOW) and no houses.

Unfortunately, the two electric poles by the wood (in RED) don't have street lights. The next two (in GREEN) do.

Would it be **possible to add lights to those electrical poles?**

It is **often scary to walk at night by this area** (my girlfriend actually carries a jogger alarm).

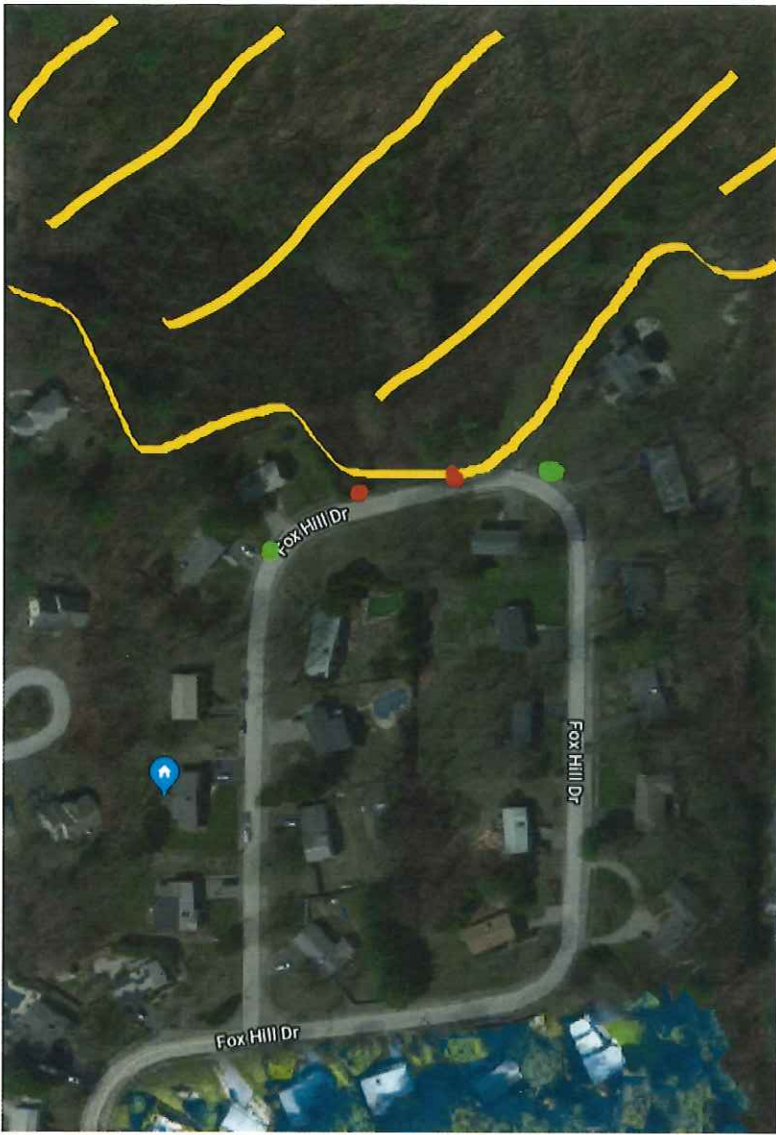
Additionally, we had **several encounters were coyotes would sneak up on us** and get dangerously close.

I hope this is something that can be arranged.

Thank you for your consideration,

Regards,

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Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Re: Safety Committee Alden Street Parking

1 message

James Hicks <hicks@natickpolice.com>

Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 7:47 PM

To: Google <il.com>

Cc: Brian La <ickpolice.com>, Scott Lacerra <lacerra@natickpolice.com>, Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Good evening,

This information came in too late to be included for the Safety Committee meeting scheduled for this Tuesday. This will be forwarded to the Traffic Division for review and possible inclusion on a future agenda.

On Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 11:46 AM, Google <il.com> wrote:

January 28, 2018

Police Chief James G. Hicks

Natick Safety Committee

Re: Unsafe parking on Alden Street (Safety Committee)

I would like to bring to attention the safety concerns of parking on Alden Street which many residents share. The street is an extremely narrow road which in normal conditions (without snow) if two cars are passing in opposite directions at the same time one car must pull into a driveway to allow the other to pass in some section of the road. So, when cars park on the street it can create an impassable way without driving onto private property or having cars move.

The larger concern with cars parked on Alden Street is they could hinder or stop emergency vehicles from passing. The towns fire trucks measure over 8ft wide and could have a very difficult time passing a larger vehicle parked on Alden Street, especially near telephone poles. Additionally, ambulances in town measure at almost 8ft wide and would face the same safety concern a parked vehicle creates. The town garbage trucks also have had trouble with parked vehicles on Alden Street in which residents had to move their cars to allow the garbage trucks passage. With the town garbage and recycling trucks measuring at 9ft wide (without the clearance needed for the control arms) parked cars present problems for municipal vehicles too.

During the winter months parking on Alden Street becomes even more of a public safety issue. Although the town has an overnight parking ban and an occasional winter parking ban for snow cleanup, the everyday residual snow mounds increase the public safety risk of cars parked on Alden Street. With the already very narrow road any size snow bank on either or both sides exacerbates an already defined safety risk.

I would also like to note that utility vehicles such as oil delivery trucks also are not able to get by parked cars and often must have vehicles moved. Furthermore, in 2017 an SUV was struck by a septic vac truck while parked on Alden Street because there was not enough room for both vehicles on the road. There was also an issue with emergency vehicles not able to pass construction vehicles on the street delaying services.

I would like to propose a parking ban on Alden Street as the width of the road has proven parked cars on the street are a clear safety risk. Parked cars present a concern for emergency vehicles, utility vehicles, and recreational vehicles in good weather and especially in bad weather. It should also be noted that every house on Alden Street has a private driveway thus a parking ban for the street creates no undue hardship or stress in pursuit of public safety.

Sincerely,

A very concerned resident of Alden Street

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James G. Hicks

Chief of Police

FAX. NO.: [781.786.5109](tel:781.786.5109)

Email: cullen.t@westonmass.org

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 6:16 AM

To: Goulding, Michael <Goulding.m@westonmass.org>

Subject: Please help

Weston police department,

Hi, My name is Lilly Joyce Gagliardi. I'm not sure if it would be you who I should contact at the Weston police department or not, but if you are not. Please let me know who I do need to contact for my problem.

I live on route 30 on the Weston/ Natick line. In order to take a left out of my driveway coming from Natick there is a curve and I have to be extremely cautious with the incoming traffic. I think the speed limit is like 35 or 45 and people are flying around that corner.

I had be hit, my neighbors also have had two car accidents and this spring I watched my 70+ year old parents get hit and luckily not severely hurt, but very shocking up.

I had two young boys who are not driving yet, but I fear for them when they do. I would love to see if it is possible to have a sign placed saying something like, slow down hidden driveway or something like that. Please help me make this possible.

As the winter nears it is worse when there is inches of snow also blocking my view to turn left and I have to inch out onto the road more.

My address is [492 Commonwealth rd](#), the last house in Natick. the sign would have to be in Weston.

Please help,

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Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Centre St Speed Limit Concerns

2 messages

Fri, Feb 9, 2018 at 2:49 PM

To: watkins@natickpolice.com

Hi Marylee,
Thank you for discussing the options and offering to help address my (& other neighbors) concerns about the speed limit in the neighborhood.

To recap, this neighborhood is heavily utilized by folks all year especially when warmer. The morning kid traffic on the way to school bus crosses a couple intersections for some kids. Our concern, stems from safety for all in the neighborhood.

Please find pictures attached.

Please let me know if you need any other information.

Thanks again.

2 attachments



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HAROLD COHEN ASSOCIATES, INC.
MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

To: Town of Natick
2018

March 12,

From: HC Atlantic Development LP

RE: Proposed Address Change / Improvement for Metrowest Coworking

As we begin to design and renovate the old Boston Sports Club space, which was dormant for the past 5+ years, we realized that proposing a change to the address would greatly improve the travel and safety access to the proper entrance in the back of Sherwood Plaza East.

The main door and primary entrance to the space is accessed from the rear of Sherwood Plaza East and via the Strathmore road entrance to the back of the buildings. When referencing this location as 1284R Worcester street GPS navigation software and people (including deliveries, guests and anyone else new to the area) naturally drive across the front of the plaza. Unable to locate any entry door with 1284 or 1284R they are confused and assume an incorrect address. Utilizing 1284R (to indicate Rear) is not adequate as we noticed only the rare visitor to the space over the past few months arrived without phone calls to clarify the location.

By adjusting the address for this specific space we would also be greatly improving public safety access. Any first responder heading to the business would want access to the main doors, elevator room, knox-box and fire panel - all located via the rear entrance to the space, most readily accessed via Strathmore road drive entrance.

In addition to the above, by publicizing this address for the business we can decrease traffic flow in the busier shopping center front lot and have all automobile traffic routed directly behind the stores to the open parking area adjacent to the main entrance. A wayfinding sign is also planned for the rear parking area indicating that people looking for the business should enter at that location.

See the table on the next page identifying other addresses adjacent to the space and also a map showing the roadways, buildings, wayfinding sign location and parking areas nearby.

Feel free to reach out to me or Scott Laughlin, who will be the operator of the new business to open here. Please let us know next step or steps to proceed with this proposed change.

Thank you

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List of Addresses in the Area:

ABI-LABS	27	Strathmore Rd
Parking Lot / Strathmore	29	Strathmore Rd
Fanara's Barber Shop	30	Strathmore Rd
Proposed - Metrowest Coworking	33	Strathmore Rd
Big Picture	1290	Worcester St
The Tile Shop	1290A	Worcester St
David's Bridal	1288	Worcester St
Ulta	1286	Worcester St
--- old Boston Sports Club ---	1284	Worcester St
Minado Restaurant	1282	Worcester St
Seasonal Specialties	1278	Worcester St
Flooring America	1276B	Worcester St
Town Fair Tire	1276	Worcester St
Moe's Southwest Grill	1274	Worcester St





Marylee Watkins <watkins@natickpolice.com>

Fwd: Address change request - 10 Border Rd, Natick, MA

1 message

Mon, Feb 5, 2018 at 11:21 AM

to: watkins@natickpolice.com

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David Gusmini <dgusmini@natickma.org>

Date:

To: (

Subject: Re: Address change request - 10 Border Rd, Natick, MA

Hi,

It may be possible to change the current address from 10 Border road to a new address of 19 Winslow Road. To do this you must first contact Marylee Watkins in the Police Chiefs office and ask her to put your request on the Safety Committees agenda for review.

After review by the Safety Committee your request will then need to be approved by the Natick Board of Selectmen. Once the selectmen approve your request we would be able to implement the address change.

David Gusmini

On Mon, Jan 29, 2018 at 12:42 PM, (

Hi David,

I have emailed you in the past about changing the address for 10 Border Rd, Natick.

I did not receive an reply back about this.

Could you please tell me if this is possible?

I will stop by tomorrow morning to talk to you in person about this.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 21, 2017, at 1:21 PM, C

Dear David Gusmini,

I was at the town hall this monday to find out if it would be possible to change the address for the property located at 10 bordered rd, natick.

Spoke to the building inspector who gave me your card and said that the first step would be to send you this email explaining why we would like to change the address.

The Main entrance (door) to the house is now located on the right side which is border road and we will make some

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changes to the house. One of this changes will be to move the main door to the other side which will be facing Winslow Road, attached is the document showing this.
Can you tell me if this is possible?

Sincerely,

On Thursday, December 21, 2017 1:09 PM, C

Sent from my iPhone

<[10 Border Rd, Natick, MA](#) - Concept #2.pdf>

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David G. Gusmini, CBO
Building Commissioner / Chief Zoning Officer

Town of Natick
[13 East Central Street](#)
[Natick, MA 01760](#)